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GLOWBUGS Digest 471

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by jkh@lexis-nexis.com (John Heck)
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by POLYBILL@aol.com

Date: Mon, 10 Mar 1997 22:46:52 +0000
From: "Brian Carling" <bry@mail1.mnsinc.com>
To: glowbugs@theporch.com
Subject: CPCW-5 First Impressions
Message-ID: <199703111125.GAA28394@news2.mnsinc.com>

Someone please copy this mini-review to QRP-L

Here is a "First Impression" of the new CAKE PAN CW-5 transmitter that arrived today.

It is a new TUBE product on the market for hams! What a great way for all of those new NO CODE TECHS and other beginners to get their feet wet with a REAL RADIO!

The radio can be bought assembled or as a kit. It comes with a really good manual and plenty of helpful instructions. Mine was already assembled and worked great right out of the box. I was on the air within 10 minutes.

This CW transmitting device uses a specially designed transformer that is made just for this rig, plus a 6C4 - 6AQ5 tube line-up, plug-in coils and a PI-NET output. There is plenty of room on the chassis for your own mods or add-ons, and later this month they will begin offering an AM version of the rig, or a modification kit to add modulation to existing rigs.

I can see adding a semi-break-in circuit, maybe a relay for keying from my memory keyer etc, later. For tonight I just used the straight key.

This rig is destined to become a classic! Once I figured out which tube went where and got the 6C4 and 6AQ5 tubes plugged in OK, I realized that the OTHER 7 pin tube socket is for the crystals to plug in! A novel approach. I had seen something like this done with FT-243 crystals in Octal tube sockets plenty of times.

I plugged it in and connected an antenna (G5RV and MFJ-949D tuner) and plugged in the crystal for 3640 kHz that came with it. No one around so I tried a CQ. It only has ONE tuning control (plate variable) - the PI-NET has a fixed cap on the antenna side. No problem getting a full 5 watts out right away (according the notoriously inaccurate wattmeter used in tuners of this type) - but certainly in the ballpark of 5-6 watts out all of the time. The rig tunes nicely and has a good note.

Some RTTY signal is hogging the frequency and I get no replies to my CQs, so I plug in the 3700 kHz rock and move up the band.

SO at 0042 UTC I put out my first CQ on 3700 and got a reply from W8TMS in TROY, MI - DX!! AND he gave me RST 599! Not bad for a maiden voyage on the CPCW-5. Later on I heard K3JO nearby calling CQ and gave 81 year-old Jules a

call. He came right back and chatted with me for 35 enjoyable minutes. My report was RST 579 From Narberth, PA up near Philly using his homebrew 2-tube rig with a 6DQ6 final pumping 25 watts to an end-fed wire.

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If you are interested - contact Carl, WB1EYE who supplies these kits at:

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I have no financial interest in this company - just a happy user of their product.

Anyone else using one - please contact me via e-mail at:

bry@mnsinc.com

72 to all - Bry, AF4K in Gaithersburg, MD

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From: "Brian Carling" <bry@mail1.mnsinc.com>
To: glowbugs@theporch.com
Subject: MINI-REVIEW CPCW-5 xmtr kit
Message-ID: <199703111130.GAA28731@news2.mnsinc.com>

I sent this to GLOWBUGS but it didn't show up so I will try again!

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You are welcome to reproduce it anywhere else you would like too!

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Date: Tue, 11 Mar 1997 07:30:01 -0600
From: wmcshan@REX.RE.uokhsc.edu (Mike McShan)
To: glowbugs@theporch.com
Subject: CPCW-5 forwarded
Message-ID: <v01540b02af4b0e417616@[157.142.8.152]>

I sent Brian's review (CPCW-5 First Impressions) to QRP-L... I only post this so that we don't all forward the message (that could make us popular... ;-))

Mike N5JKY
Edmond, OK

Date: Tue, 11 Mar 97 08:53:11 EST
From: jkh@lexis-nexis.com (John Heck)
To: glowbugs@theporch.com
Subject: DIAL COVERS
Message-ID: <9703111353.AA11337@beans.lexis-nexis.com>

Folks,
Say this article and thought it might be of use to some one.
John Heck

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In article 58E4@netten.net, Sally Molasky <sally@netten.net> writes:
>If you need a plastic DIAL COVER for your radio, I custom-make these
>hard-to-find items! For more information, please contact Rita at:
>sally@netten.net
>Thank-you!

Date: Tue, 11 Mar 1997 14:38:31 EST
From: ac5am@juno.com (Robert L Stolzle)
To: glowbugs@sco.theporch.com
Subject: ac5am: Info on Drake rigs etc.
Message-ID: <19970311.133427.3358.0.ac5am@juno.com>

Hello again All,

Just a short message to thank everyone for the info on the Drake rigs
and for the very nice comments about my humble beginnings.
I will be looking for a Drake rig with separate receiver and transmitter
as well as power supply. Any suggestions as to which will be appreciated.

Thanks Conard for the warm welcome and for the great list you
have here. I will jump in the CB Sprint next week and let out a blast
so they will know I am there. Also saw a post on this list (I think)
saying something about 7050. Is that a glowbug or BA freq?
I have a 7050 crystal and would like to work some other glowbugs
on 40M.

73,

Bob, AC5AM

Date: Tue, 11 Mar 1997 23:24:50 -0500 (EST)
From: POLYBILL@aol.com
To: glowbugs@theporch.com
Subject: Cabinet for 75A3
Message-ID: <970311232210_-1807490936@emout07.mail.aol.com>

Hello Glowbugs,

I would like to know if anyone has a cabinet for a Collins 75A3 receiver that they would be willing to sell. The cabinets for the 75A1, 75A2, 32V1, 32V2 and 32V3 would also work. A friend of mine is in the process of restoring a 75A3 and he really would like to put it into a cabinet when he is finished.

Thanks

Bill Gittere K2LNU

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